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Dear Mr. Leeds:

Since your organization is responsible for preparing the NRC environmental documents for the proposed licensing of the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility (MFFF), I have enclosed for your use as background information, a list of the principal physical activities being performed, or expected to be performed, by the Department of Energy (DOE) on the site of the proposed MFFF. These activities primarily involve ongoing Savannah River Site maintenance and environmental compliance activities. A few of the activities also involve the cancellation of another project, the Actinide Processing and Storage Facility, which is unrelated to -- and not part of -- the MFFF.

All of the activities are DOE proposals which are independent of the proposed MFFF and would be performed regardless of whether the MFFF is licensed. The activities will not influence NRC's licensing alternatives (including the no action alternative) for the MFFF, and the listed activities are not otherwise subject to NRC licensing. Duke Cogema Stone and Webster, the contractor DOE has selected to construct and operate the proposed MFFF, is not involved with these activities. Rather, these activities will be performed by Westinghouse Savannah River Corporation, DOE's operating contractor for the Savannah River Site, or other subcontractors.

In addition, the Department anticipates archaeological data recovery at the proposed MFFF site, pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act. This office will discuss the archaeological activities and a possible lead agency approach more fully in separate correspondence.

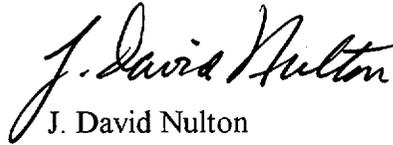


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If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 202-586-4513 or Jamie Johnson of my staff at 202-586-5960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. David Nulton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

J. David Nulton
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Enclosure

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DOE ONGOING AND ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES AT MFFF SITE

1. Maintenance of existing F-area employee parking lot
2. Cleaning/clearing of parking area drainage ditches
3. Maintenance of right-of-way for existing overhead electrical line and underground cable
4. Storm water retention pond maintenance
5. Storm water outfall sampling
6. Groundwater monitoring well maintenance and sampling
7. Potential installation of new ground water monitoring wells
8. Runoff control for the Actinide Processing and Storage Facility (APSF) spoils pile, and removal of the spoils pile
9. Grass cutting, sodding and other similar activities
10. Regular tree/underbrush maintenance
11. Archaeological data recovery pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act (to be discussed in separate correspondence)